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NOTE FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Ray Garthoff

1. Ray Garthoff is willing to help us with the NIE on Soviet ground forces requested by the White House. Jeffrey Kitchen and Alexis Johnson have been consulted by Ray, and are not unwilling for him to do so, though they apparently do not want his participation to be widely known, or his attention too long diverted from his regular job.

2. It would be helpful if you would take this up with Alexis Johnson on Thursday, indicating your interest in the project and gratitude that Garthoff was being allowed to work with us. It should be made clear to him, however, that if the job is to be done properly Garthoff will have to be primarily concerned with it for about three weeks during August, and would be needed for some further consultation while the CIA draft was being readied for coordination with other agencies.

3. If we cannot get Ray to do this it will be virtually impossible to produce the papers without greatly disturbing the schedule of other military estimates.

